

**REMARKS**

This responds to the first Office Action. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-7, 9-17 and 19 are pending; claims 1, 14 and 19 are the only independent claims.

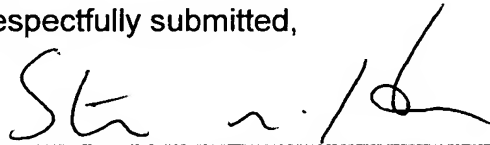
Claims 1-17 have been amended (or canceled) to address the 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph issues raised by the Examiner. It is respectfully submitted that all such issues have been addressed and that the claims are now in the proper form.

New independent claim 19 has been presented.

A Terminal Disclaimer relative to commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,699,001 has been submitted.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance. The undersigned is available by telephone at the Examiner's convenience to discuss the application as needed.

Respectfully submitted,



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